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As you are aware, my Special Adviser, Mr. Mohamed Sahnoun, provides advice on the actual and potential roles of the United Nations in addressing conflict situations in Africa, especially in the countries of the Greater Horn of Africa. He has monitored closely the developments in the region and has participated in consultations that helped promote and implement negotiated settlements to conflicts.

Mr. Sahnoun has represented me at meetings dealing with regional issues, including the signing ceremony of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement on the Sudan held in Kenya. He has also visited Member States and participated on my behalf in important meetings dedicated to the situation in the Horn of Africa. He provided me with valuable advice during my recent visit to the Middle East.

I have decided to extend Mr. Sahnoun's appointment until 31 December 2006 to continue to benefit from his expertise and his efforts, as required.

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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